

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON SAFETY, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

Voting Members:

Tulsi Gabbard, Chair; Tom Berg, Vice-Chair
Stanley Chang, Nestor R. Garcia, Breene Harimoto

Committee Meeting Held
January 10, 2012

Honorable Ernest Y. Martin
Chair, City Council
City and County of Honolulu

Mr. Chair:

Your Committee on Safety, Economic Development and Government Affairs to which was referred Resolution 11-366 entitled:

“EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR HAWAII TO PURSUE THE BID TO HOST THE
2016 INTERNATIONAL UNION FOR CONSERVATION OF NATURE WORLD
CONSERVATION CONGRESS,”

reports as follows:

The purpose of this Resolution is to express support for Hawaii to pursue the bid to host the 2016 IUCN World Conservation Congress.

Committee members were informed that the International Union for Conservation of Nature World (IUCN) consists of more than 1,000 government and non-government organizations and almost 11,000 volunteer scientists from over 160 countries. The Congress convenes once every four years and more than 8,000 participated in the last one.

A member of the public testified in support of the resolution.

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Your Committee has amended the "BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED" clause of the Resolution to add the President and all members of the Hawaii State Senate as well as the Speaker and all members of the Hawaii State House of Representatives.

Your Committee on Safety, Economic Development and Government Affairs is in accord with the intent and purpose of Resolution 11-366 as amended herein, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto, as Resolution 11-366, CD1. (Ayes: Gabbard, Berg, Chang, Garcia, Harimoto – 5; Noes: None.)

Respectfully submitted,


Committee Chair

At the 1/25/12 Council meeting, the Resolution was further amended and subsequently adopted in the form attached hereto as Resolution 11-366, CD1, FD1.

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RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, IUCN membership includes 87 state members (i.e.; nations) and 25 government agencies without state membership; and

WHEREAS, the official United States state representative is the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs; and

WHEREAS, the IUCN World Conservation Congress (WCC) convenes every four years and is hosted by a member state but has never met in the U.S.; and

WHEREAS, the WCC is a two-part international event:

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WHEREAS, the entire WCC lasts almost two weeks and attracts approximately 8,000 delegates from around the world; and

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RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, Honolulu has the capability and facilities required to stage the IUCN WCC, as demonstrated by its hosting of the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Leaders' Meeting in November 2011; and

WHEREAS, tourism is Hawaii's largest employer, revenue producer, and growth sector, and hosting international conferences is critical to the economic well-being of the State; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu that it expresses its support for Hawaii to pursue the bid to host the 2016 IUCN WCC; and



RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY:

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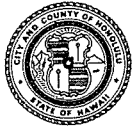
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